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Attachment 4

Date:

February 13, 1997

To:

CALFED Policy Group

From:

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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: Phase II Milestones and Approvals

In addition to approving the draft and final Programmatic EIS/EIR, CALFED agencies will be asked for approval of several interim decision points prior to the release of a public draft, including:

purpose and need statement;

- the no action alternative and affected environment description;
- the definition and level of detail of the alternatives; and
- the selection of a preferred alternative.

The following table identifies the decision items, the date they will be provided to CALFED Management Team for initial approval, and the date they will be provided to CALFED Policy Group for final approval. The appropriate level and form of approval for each agency must be identified and agreed to by all CALFED agencies.

ITEM	TO CALFED MANAGEMENT	TO CALFED POLICY
NO ACTION ALT. AFFECTED ENV.	MARCH 1997	APRIL 1997
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES	APRIL & MAY 1997	JUNE 1997
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	JULY AND AUG. 1997	AUG. AND SEP. 1997
ADMIN. DRAFT EIR/EIS	JULY AND AUG. 1997	AUG. AND SEP. 1997
DRAFT EIR/EIS	AUG. AND SEP. 1997	SEP. AND OCT. 1997

This schedule assumes extensive review and comment by agency staff prior to submission to CALFED policymakers.

CALFED Agencies

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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service